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ADRIAN E. MANNIX O.A.M. COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for 2005.

This Award was first established in 2002 to recognize the voluntary contributions of Bellarine residents in the local community, in memory of Adrian who himself carried out an extraordinary amount of volunteer work in the area.

The Drysdale Rotary and Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Clubs, together with SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, provide this Award each year with a Trophy and \$ 500-00 donation to the winner's charity/cause of choice. The Award Dinner and Presentation will be on March 21st, 2005.

Adrian was an inspiration, with his positive, optimistic, humorous and determined attitude. He stood out because of severe physical disabilities that he suffered at birth, but he did not let that stop him from getting on with his life and being a very active member of many groups around Drysdale and Portarlington. He was awarded the Order of Australia on Australia Day 1999 for his services to the Community.

On February 24th 2001, Adrian passed away, but his spirit lives on through this Award and we are looking for the 2005 winner. So who do you know that deserves to be acknowledged for their efforts in helping others? Please contact the SpringDale office on 52531960 for a nomination form.

Nominations close Wednesday December 15th, 2004.



Winners:

2002

Bernard Filbay

2003

Sydney Payne

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Thelma Evans

2005

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Community Calendar

Springdale Community Calendar - a Springdale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community.

This calendar will enable you to quickly look up what is happening over the next couple of months (maybe longer) in our area. There will be a calendar for the next 12 months put on our website - accessible to all groups to help when planning events. If you would like to place an event on our calendar on the website and also in the next couple of issues of the Springdale Messenger - then please email, write or ring the details of the event through to the Springdale Office.

2004

- Oct** 23rd C.F.A. Garage Sale
24th Annual Pilgrimage Crimean War Graves
28th Drysdale/Clifton Spring Community Association AGM
Senior Citizens Casino Bus Trip
Drysdale Fire Brigade 7.00pm
30th Community Forum for Families on Post Natal Depression at Drysdale Hall 1-3pm
31st Portarlinton Market
- Nov** 2nd C.F.A. Melbourne Cup Luncheon
5th Gala Day
6th Harvey World Travel Expo 10am to 3pm Potato Shed
Drysdale Day View Club Garage Sale 8-1
10th Historical Society - Speaker Dr. Stephen McKenzie
10th 13th - Peninsular Players End of Year Performance
12th Drysdale fire Brigade Torchlight procession 8.30pm
13th Flower and Garden Show - Uniting Church 11-4
Palmerston Court Aged Care Hostel Annual Fair 10-4
14th 21st - Clifton Springs Golf Club Open tournament
18th-19th - Allsorts -variety night Bellarine Jongleurs
21st Drysdale Community Pre-Christmas Extravaganza SpringDale Hall 10am - 3pm
- Dec** Friday 17th Term 4 School Holidays commence
24th Carols By Candlelight Drysdale Village Square 8pm

2005

- Jan** 13th -16th - Woodworking Show
United Church, Hesse Street, Quenscliff
15th Portarlinton Summer Festival
- Mar** Bellarine Agricultural Show
Sat 19th - The Bunyip jives in 2005 Festival is being held
21st Adrian Mannix Community Service Award Presentation Dinner

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Hi Friends,

The people who come into SpringDale continue to delight me daily. Each person gives us an opportunity to help a resident or a potential resident, a business - local or close, or another organization. I continue to enjoy each story and draw strength from their experiences. Thankyou for sharing your lives with us. We do live in the best place !

I would like to congratulate four of our local service groups and to celebrate their efforts. I witnessed the handing over of a large cheque (\$3,000 - I think) - from the annual Lions golf day and it was given to the Drysdale Fire Brigade to purchase training equipment. Our local branch of the Country Women's Association recently distributed their fundraising profits and many other organizations benefited from their efforts. Finally, the Drysdale Rotary club, for helping to organize a very successful mental health Seminar last month, I know this event has already changed many people's lives. Well done.

Everyday we all have opportunities to help each other - through deeds or fundraising or simply a smile. Maybe we could start a random acts of kindness campaign ? Guides and Scouts call it the "Good Turn" and each member promises to try to do a good turn everyday. Maybe we could all adopt this concept and put it into action !!!

Queenscliff and District Woodworkers, Drysdale Guides, Clifton Springs Garden Club, Springdale's Whichcraft group and a couple of individuals all helped to make our Adult Learner's Week expo day a success. People who attended enjoyed our hospitality, displays and give aways. Hopefully next year it will be bigger and better - please let us know if your community group would like to participate - the more the merrier! (just ring SpringDale to register your interest - phone 52531960).

SpringDale also had a successful Annual General Meeting and we showcased the talents of many of

the SpringDale Singers. Their performance was appreciated and a huge highlight of the evening. Dianne Farrimond, the President of our Committee of Management, ran the meeting efficiently and effectively as usual. Well done Dianne and Liz, for organizing such a successful evening. Copies of our Annual Report are available for loan from SpringDale.

Looking forward to seeing you when you come into

- * Book in for a course
- * Find out about one of our groups
- * Get an extra copy of the Messenger
- * Do some photocopying or use a computer or the internet
- * Book a venue for a meeting or event
- * Or simply seek out some information

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Rotary Club of Drysdale - Monthly Report

Our major activity was in organising the Mental Health Awareness Forum on Wed. 15 September. The aim of the Forum was to assist understanding of the issues around mental illness which affect the individual, their family, their friends and the community.

Club member Athol Jeffery of Clifton Springs organised former premier Jeff Kennet to be the keynote speaker. The forum was spectacularly successful with over 600 people crowding the Geelong West Town Hall.

In addition to three excellent speakers there were eight support and care groups in attendance. Those attending expressed their gratitude to Rotary for facilitating the forum.

We are considering a Mens' Health Forum & Information Night to be held in Drysdale in the near

future. As we all know men are generally reluctant to address stress, prostate and other similar issues.

Assistance was provided to Bellarine Secondary College students by members who helped out with the Mock Interview programme. The aim of this programme is to assist school leavers learn interview and presentation techniques which will help them obtain jobs. Our New Generations Committee seeks to work with schools to assist pupils' self development and career choices.

At our Rotary Children's Park at Point Richards at Portarlington we have constructed new electric BBQs and shelters close to our miniature railway which provides rides for children on the second Sunday of each month. Use of these new BBQs will be free and the Rotary Club will be paying for the power used.

The miniature train at Portarlington can be booked by groups for events such as children's birthday parties and also for business and social end of year breakups for parents and children. Exclusive booking of the train can also be a fundraiser for community groups. Enquiries re booking the train should be addressed to John Brumley on 5251-3526.

We have continued to support the efforts of the Leopold Skatepark Committee to get a skatepark up and running.

The club plans to be more noticeable in the community in this Rotary Centennial Year. If you would like to know more about Rotary or would consider assisting us in our work please call President Keith Winter on 5250 5211 after hours.

DRYSDALE FIRE BRIGADE 60th ANNIVERSARY

Drysdale Fire Brigade will be holding a Torchlight Procession, along with other supporting Brigades on Friday 12th November, 2004, at 8.30 p.m. to celebrate its' 60th Anniversary.

The March will commence at the Drysdale Football oval, progressing along Granville Street, up High Street, around the Hotel Roundabout to the Drysdale Fire Brigade.

Bring your family along to watch the Procession.

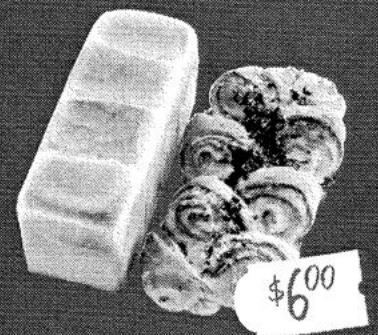
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Travel Talk by Annie Hommelhoff

I have recently returned from my most exciting trip to date - EAST AFRICA. Everything I could wish to experience on my trip came true from successfully tracking mountain Gorillas in Rwanda to viewing the big 5 in Tanzania!

I started my journey by travelling from Nairobi (Kenya) by public bus to Kampala (Uganda). This was an adventure in itself with the drivers speeding three times the legal limit and more potholes than bitumen! We then travelled from Kampala through stunning countryside and laid back villages to Rwanda. Setting off from our base near the Parc National des Volcans with our guide and several armed National Parks guards we trekked 6 hours to reach our target, a group of 12 Mountain Gorillas - Amazing! To see these magnificent animals interacting in their natural environment is something I will never forget. After a few

overnight stops in Uganda and many chances to sample the cuisine, music and enjoy the friendly hospitality of the locals I was back in Nairobi. On the public bus again destined for Arusha (Tanzania) to begin my trip through some of the best Game Parks Africa has to offer. Our first game drive began in Tarangire National Park and left me wondering if Africa could impress me anymore as I had been completely blown away by the number of animals we viewed! But the days to follow camping and game driving in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park quickly answered that! Elephant, Zebra, Wilderbeast, Hyena, Buffalo, Jackal, Gazelle, Hippo, Cheetah, Giraffe and Lion to name just a few animals which I encountered. Not to mention one evening's very close call with a few rather large wild pigs! There is no better way to

really experience Africa's wildlife up close and personal than on a camping safari! (Although I am sure the wild pigs don't feel the same way!)

Before long it was time to board the public bus again, head back to Nairobi then fly home to Melbourne leaving behind amazing scenery, wildlife that you can not experience anywhere else in the world and the most fascinating cultures that I have had ever had the privilege of learning about.

I travelled with Geckos who are one of 30 wholesalers attending our Travel Expo on Sat 6 Nov. This will be a huge day with special travel offers, info sessions and a chance for you to start planning your next holiday whether it be the Gold Coast, Africa or beyond!

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Drysdale Ladies Probus Club Inc. A002135YE

With Christmas fast approaching, we as a Club turn our thoughts to our Charity for the year. This year we are again supporting 'THE COTTAGE BY THE SEA' and the gifts are already rolling in. The support our members give these appeals is absolutely 'fantastic'.

Our Christmas Break Up Luncheon on December 15th is going along well, in the hands of our coordinator. The National Art Gallery and 'Impressionists Art' exhibition trip was very well received by all who attended. The 'Three Divas' concert and the trip to the Silvan Dam and Tesselors Tulip Farm are

on our agenda for early October and we are looking forward to these two outings.

At our September meeting a speaker from Bellarine Community Health was to be our guest speaker, but at the last minute had to cancel the engagement, but our ladies did not let our President and Coordinator down. Marian spoke to us about her arrival in Australia, becoming a 'nursing aide' and joining up with another girl friend and heading off on motor scooters to work their way around some of our big country. Then Dorothy took the microphone and shared her trip to

Canada and Alaska with us. Next it was Judy's turn with some of her memories and funny moments as an organizer for weddings over the years. Verona was last with a beautiful writing of her life growing up in the Wimmera/Mallee area and the things children and family did, back when life seemed so much more easy going. A great finish to what could have been a disappointing morning, but our members never seem to let us down. Thank you Ladies.

Bye till next time
Glad Sharp

Trivia Questions - Answers pg 20

1. In M.A.S.H. what was Colonel Potters first name?
2. What was Colonel Potters wife's first name?
3. Which A.F.L. / V.F.L. team won the 1979 premiership?
4. In 'My Friend Flicka', who owned Flicka?
5. Which television lawyer was played by Raymond Burr?
6. Which A.F.L. / V.F.L. team won the 1967 premiership?
7. Who is Fred Flintstones wife?
8. What is a P 76?
9. Of which capital cities is Liverpool a suburb?
10. What is the dogs name in televisions Hart to Hart?
11. In which Australian state or territory is the town of Iron Knob?
12. Of which singing group was Athol Guy a member?
13. In Neighbours, which is the main street?
14. In which year was John Lennon of Beatle fame murdered?
15. Name the boat in Gilligans Island?
16. What was the name of the last horse to win two consecutive Melbourne Cups?
17. What make and model was the car in televisions 'My Mother and the Car'?
18. What is the capital of Ireland?
19. Which Governor General sacked Gough Whitlam?
20. Which jockey was known as The Professor?

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Well after hibernating up North over the winter months I am now back in circulation and writing this report hoping to meet the deadline for the next Springdale Messenger issue.

My informants tell me that the toy-making program is in full swing with many members producing a large range of various toys. These will be ready for hand over to the selected charities sometime in November, who in turn will distribute them to those needy kids for hopefully, a brighter Christmas.

Another activity that is well underway is the preparation and planning of our Annual

Woodworking Show, to be held from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th January 2005 at the Uniting Church Hesse Street Queenscliff.

This will be our 13th annual exhibition where members' work is displayed to demonstrate the large and diverse range of woodworking that has been undertaken throughout the year and in addition there will be a number of articles on sale at very reasonable prices. Members are currently making three pieces of quality furniture that will be raffled during the show and this together with a small entry fee of \$2.00 (children under 15 free) helps keep the club viable and us oldies off the streets.

The Show is a very important event in our calendar because we are a non-profit organisation and membership fees go nowhere near to covering the normal annual operation expenses. Its' success is vital if the club is to continue and grow therefore we need to rely on the support of general public. In future issues I will keep highlighting the dates and the times that the show will be operating but mark them in your diary now as you will find it to be an interesting and enjoyable family outing.

*Kevin Cass
Public Relations Officer.*

Palmerston Court Aged Care Hostel

Annual Fair

13th November 2004

10.00 - 4.00pm

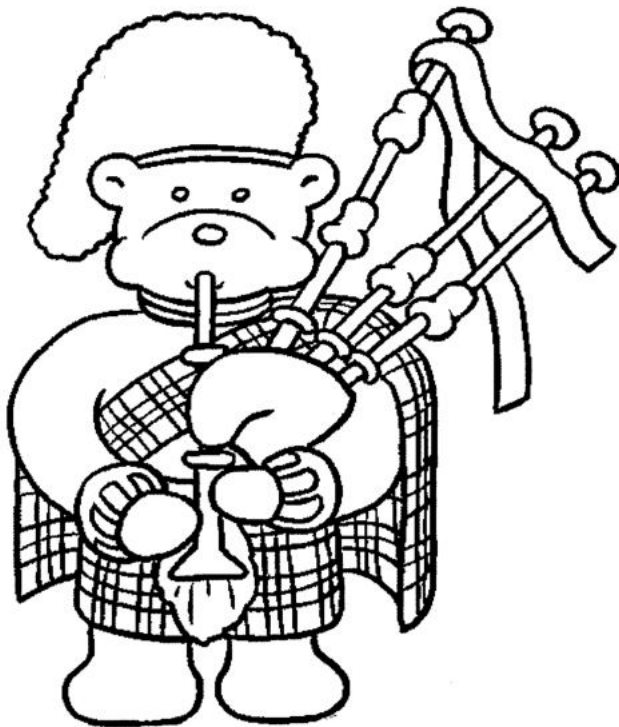
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The Residents of Palmerston Court Aged Care Hostel, Drysdale, have produced their own 2005 Calendar, along similar lines to that of the original "Calendar Girls".

The Calendar has been professionally printed and sponsored by many of the local businesses. The residents are all very proud of the end result, and rightly so - they look amazing.

Calendars are available for sale at Bellarine Photographics, opposite the Drysdale Post Office, or at the hostel office. All proceeds of the calendar sales are controlled by the Residents Committee.

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Clifton Springs Primary School

Family Maths night

On the Family Maths Night we learnt about lots of different things as well as playing lots of maths games. The games were trying to get the number line in the right spot. We also did some work with food like cutting into half, quarters and sixths. In one of the rooms we had to measure the weight of some things. In the last room we played more maths games like Multiplication cut throat.

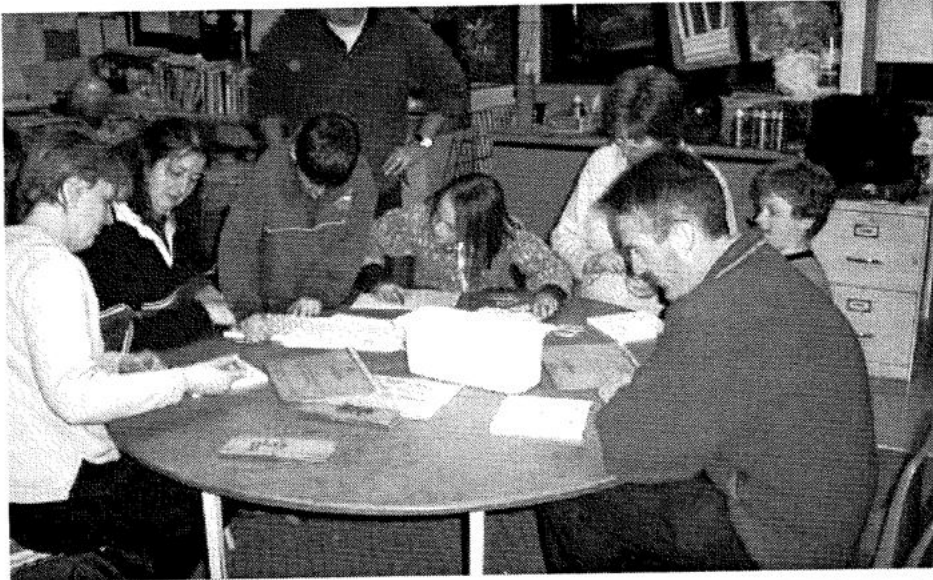
In that game you have to flip over two cards and add the two numbers together. The first person to say the right answer wins both cards. The winner is the person with the most cards. It was a really good night and it was fun showing our Numeracy activities to our parents. Mrs Vincent won guess the number of lollies in the jar. I hope she had fun eating them with her family.

By James Deller 3AC

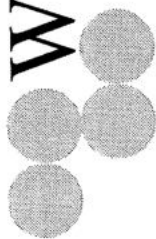
Science Fair

On Wednesday the 15th of September, Clifton Springs Primary held a science fair. There were lots of different experiments. Some of them were: Pigs flying, Invisible writing and chocolate melting. At the start of the day we had a visitor, Liz Mackie, a young scientist who is working for the Austin Hospital in Melbourne on a sleep apnoea device, which can detect which way a person is sleeping. During the day heaps of parents and visitors came and all Clifton Springs Primary grades came and tried out, or looked at our experiments. We had the science fair so that we could learn new things and one thing that we did learn, was that scientists aren't just old fat men in a white coats with grey fuzzy hair. We also learnt about experimental methods.

*By Adele Coutts
and Kayla Harris.*



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This new event will be held on Sunday 21st November this year in the SpringDale Community Hall, High Street (Opposite the Newsagents) from 10am. till 3pm.

As well as meeting Santa, unique high quality and unusual hand made items will be on sale from the makers, who will attend from many areas.

This will be the perfect place to buy a different gift that you won't be seeing any where else.

There will be a wide range of children's entertainment as well, including Face Painting, balloons etc.

A raffle for beautiful hand made doll, donated by Michelle Murphy, valued at approx. \$200.00 will be drawn on the day. You can see the doll and buy tickets for it now at the Drysdale Community Craft Shop (next to Zanonis)

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A Drysdale Community Event

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The Facts

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Jonathon started his early singing career alongside Marina Prior, Todd McKenny and David Hobson in the first National tour of "Pirates of Penzance" over 20 years ago, but is best known as renown Tenor and part of EMI recording artists "Tenor Australis" who have been seen extensively on television over the past decade including "Carols in the Domain", "Australian of the Year" Awards, "Our House", Bert Newton's "Good Morning Australia" and with Kerri-Anne to name but a few of his National TV appearances as well as his many appearances at the

Sydney Opera House as a resident Principle with Opera Australia.

But Jonathon's real love has always been teaching and conducting and has taught for David Atkin's and "Brent Street" (one of Australia's premiere Performing Arts schools in Sydney) for many years and was inspired to create "Pop Kidz" for those children who love to sing and move but aren't interested in the more classical style and approach to music.

"Just watch all the Pop video clips or go to a musical - you have to be able to sing and dance together these days" says Jonathon enthusiastically. "Even if you aren't interested in pursuing a career in music in these areas it is so much fun, and there is so much that you can learn and develop through contemporary music that can also have a great effect in many other areas of your child's development!"

It is a proven fact that music stimulates a part of the brain that no other activity can and it also teaches you to work with other people as a team as well as build incredible confidence and self esteem.

Australian Pop Kidz Choir is also committed to supporting the Community at large and has raised thousands of dollars for many charities through their concerts including the

Starlight Foundation, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, the Merry Makers, Westmead Hospital etc and they sponsor a child at St Jude School, Tanzania.

"It is so exciting to be back with my family and see how beautiful and vibrant Geelong has become! I am really looking forward to bringing my years of experience back with me and sharing it with Community here now and I love working with the Kidz - we have so much fun and it is a great way to teach them many valuable skills and how to make a contribution to our Community through music!" says Jonathon.

Pop Kidz in Geelong will also have the chance to travel to Sydney and Brisbane in the future and work with all the other Pop Kidz "family" in concerts, including Australian Pop Choir - the adult counterpart of Pop Kidz that will start in Geelong later in 2005.

If you want to be part of this exciting new group, Pop Totz (age 4-6yo) and Pop Kidz (age 7-17yo) will start in Geelong in February 2005! Check out their website at www.popkidz.org for information about rehearsals and auditions (for Kidz over 10yo) or call (03)5277 9900.

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President Barbara was away for the August meeting and the Vice President Shirley Craig gave us an interesting morning which we all found very entertaining.

Firstly there was information about her recent trip to China, which sounded like a cultural, historical magical trip.

Next came Betty Olsen who spoke of her nurse training in the 40's. How times and standards of training have changed, she remarked on the discipline that nurses were expected to conform to, and it hadn't changed much in the 50's when I trained.

The speaker for the day came as an Opera Singer in training. Leah

Brown spoke of her career so far, and delighted us with several songs from the operas. What a talent she has, and so young, she will reach her mature voice in 5 years, so will be even better then.

October Speaker will be Phil Quick who will share his experiences aboard a Russian Ice-Breaker in Antarctica

Tessler's Tulip Festival on September 27th, was a trip not to be missed. The colourful displays were mind blowing and a photographers dream.

We shared the coach with another local Probus club and we all got on so well together.

The next outing is to Melbourne on 6th October to the Princes Theatre to see "The Producers" That should be good!

The next project is the "Fly" If and when it can be arranged and enough interested members are willing to go.

The Activity Groups continue to meet on a regular basis, and enjoy cards, mahjong, lunches out, craft and chat, and scrabble.

Sylvia Spruit continues to produce lovely greeting cards for our members, and encourages others to join her.

*Yours in friendship,
Iris Liz Tolton.*

CLIFTON SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a friendly, welcoming group of all ages who meet on Sundays at 10 a.m. for Bible teachings, worship, singing and Fellowship. We have a Children's Ministry for

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Any person wishing to take up golf or golfers considering a change of Club, now is the time to take up a golf playing membership at Clifton Springs at a low cost of \$485.00. The new membership season commenced October 1st and application forms are available from reception of the Pro Shop.

NEWS YEARS EVE

You will need to book early for this years New Years Eve celebrations with the return of local band CHARLI to the club with the cost being \$55.00 per person which includes a 3 course meal followed by cheese and biscuits plus entertainment. Bookings are now being taken at the club.

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ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

The Annual Open Tournament will be held from November 14th until November 21st with golfing events being conducted every day cumulating with the Ladies and Men's Open Championships on Friday November 20th and Saturday November respectively. Entries form are now available with 8 days of golf be held.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members are reminded that their Membership fees are now due and you should have received a renewal notice in the mail. All members utilising the bonus points rewards system are reminded that they must pay their fees and redeem their points before the end of October otherwise they forfeit all accumulated points.

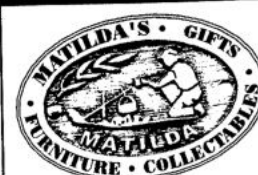
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COURSE VANDALISM

The club has experienced senseless acts of vandalism over the past 2 months and we seek the support of the local community in notifying the club of any suspicious actions being seen on the course. Police have now implemented regular patrols of the area and the club is now considering security patrols of the course at night.

David Milne
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DRYSDALE DAY VIEW CLUB

Next Meeting October 22nd 11am Clifton Springs Golf Club. Reminder, it's New Toys Day, so if you have something don't forget to bring it along.

October 13th Fun and Food Day Drysdale Bowls Club 12 noon. Come along and bring your friends Call

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Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association

As developers move into the Bellarine Peninsular, residents are often left behind in the grab for land. Infrastructure and Lifestyle issues have left many residents confused and frustrated. For this reason the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association is calling on residents to become involved in the newly revitalized Association.

Residents will get their opportunity to have a say at a Public Meeting to be held at the Drysdale Fire Station Thursday 28th October 2004, commencing at 7.00 pm. The Public Meeting will be followed by the A.G.M.

The Association has been successful in the past in liaising with the Local, State and Federal representatives to gain support for worthwhile issues and projects in the area.

Some of our past achievements include:

Development of Christmas Town theme
Maintaining of Toilet facilities in Town Centre
Maintaining of Council shop front services
Multi Arts Facility (The Potato Shed)
Liaising with other Community Groups

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Kindergarten is a wonderful environment for children to expand their learning, because they are encouraged to socialize with their own peers and there is plenty of opportunity for the children to use their own creativity and imaginative skills as they participate in the lightly structured program.

Those children who attend kindergarten benefit in so many ways and the memorable experiences they have in their kinder years are invaluable.

At Drysdale Preschool, the staff work hard to plan and provide an enjoyable program that includes guided play, so that the children are given many opportunities to develop their different skills.

Last term, the children in the 4yr old group were involved in many different activities. One of them was discussing and exploring different machines and transport vehicles that they come across in their world.

Some parents and friends of the preschool bought their machines and vehicles to kinder so that the children could have the memorable experience of sitting in and exploring the vehicles. There was a cement truck, a bob-cat, a freightliner, a motorbike and a campervan.

Literacy and numeracy skills were expanded as the children counted the wheels on the freightliner and discussed the height of each truck, how fast the motorbike would travel and many other different aspects of them all. Afterward, the children enjoyed making pictures and sending thank you notes to their visitors.

Other activities for the term included making up a song as a group, making a puppet head from balloons (papier-mache) and continuing to complete their cardboard cubby house as a team, from which the children helped design and plan!

The staff are continuing to work on the children's independence, for them to be responsible for their own property and endeavoring to undertake tasks for themselves. This is excellent preparation for school.

The 3yr old group are focusing on rules and limits and taking responsibility for their own possessions. Also, the children's fine motor skills and coordination have been developed through threading, rolling and cutting playdough, doing puzzles, playing and building with the construction sets, finger painting, making handprints, roller painting with stencils, and pouring gravel. While their large muscle strength has been developed through encouraging the children to climb, dig and do lots of running.

There has been lots of imaginative play with the farm animals, train and airport sets, cars and felt shapes and the children have enjoyed the puppets used to act out stories and they love dancing to music.

The children are happy and have lots of fun at kinder and many parents are impressed with the dedicated staff and the program they provide.

The following testimonials are from some of the parents at the Preschool.

I can't speak more highly of Drysdale Preschool. The teachers are always there for the children.

Margie Downey



My child has only been at Drysdale Preschool for a couple of months, and she has improved tremendously! The staff are just wonderful.

Melissa McPherson

When I arrive at Drysdale Preschool, I see a happy and organized room and Mimi runs off confidently to play with her kinder pals.

Kerim Nutku

Drysdale Preschool has given my child a positive preschool experience. The program provided by Judith and Rachel has been well organized with plenty of variety to cater for the children's individual needs. My child loves going to kinder and I'm confident that it has been the perfect start to my child's education.

Lisa Taylor

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*Patricia Fox
Relief Teacher*

Enrolments are now being taken for 2005. Please contact the preschool for more information.

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The News At Drysdale Primary School.

Drysdale Primary School offers high quality classroom programs for all children in a caring and stimulating environment. As well as these classroom programs, students are engaged in other activities, which involve extra commitment, provide challenges, encourage teamwork and increased responsibility for learning. The school concert, (held in the second last week of Term Three,) is one of these opportunities. It was an exciting time for teachers, students and parents. Please enjoy some short reports on activities that have been happening at Drysdale Primary School throughout Term 3.

"In Year 6, students have the opportunity of being a 'Debator.' Two girls and two boys from each Year 6 class are chosen to participate in 'Debating' in Terms 2 and 3. There are two teams of six people, 'A' team and 'B' team. The people in the 'A' team are Chloe Ristevski, Will Lilkenday, Robert Pearson, Samantha Durran, Cassie Page and Pierce Rickard. The people in 'B' team are Jaimi Clutterbuck, Laura Shandley, Adele Izzard, Ricky Dyson, Corey Chrimes and Chris Russell. Debating was a great experience." **Jaimi and Laura. Yr 6.**

"This term we had an electricity assignment. Mr Day was our guest speaker and we made some very interesting circuits." **Jordan Yr 6.**

"The Grade 6 councillors have been finding more efficient ways of helping the environment around our school. In Term 2, Mr Harwood came and gave a speech about Visy Recycling and other recycling facts. You will see around the school, blue and red recycling bins and in your child's classroom you will also see white cardboard boxes for food scraps and scrap paper. These bins get collected every Wednesday and every second Friday. They are a great way to recycle. As you would know, Junior School Councillors have been going out at Assembly. This is to build our confidence, trust in others, public speaking skills and so that people throughout the school get to know the councillors." **Chloe. Yr 6.**

"At the start of Term 3 we began learning about shares. Mr Ristevski came and told us how to buy shares. We're pretending that we invested in 4-10 companies and each student had \$5000 to spend. Each Tuesday, when we get the paper, we cut out the shares and we write down the last

sale. If you had more than \$5000, you had made a profit." **Luke and Daniel. Yr 6.**

"On the exciting concert night, we met and waited in the classroom. Everyone's costumes looked so bright and the room was full of kids. Most people in our grade had glitter hair spray on. Then we were on. "Love me do" started, then our song came on. We were amazing." **Julia 2K**

"The crowds were rolling in on September the 9th. The Grade 1,3,5 and 6 students were doing their concert items. We were going onto the stage. My toasted cheese sandwich was going round and round in my tummy. Mr Green made a little speech and then we were on. When our song was on, my heart was beating like a bongo-drum. When it was time for the finale, I was relieved. At interval I went and found my Mum and Dad. I got a bag of chips and a drink. I thought Peter Pan was fantastic and that the flying scene was cool. I slept like a log on a bed of moss!" **Dominic. 3M.**

*Amanda McPherson
(Teacher)*

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We are now well into Spring and we are hoping for some warmer weather so we can have some more outings

We have just had a trip on Monday 28th September to the Casino with lunch and finishing off the day with a trip up the Yarra River to Williamstown. Everyone had a lovely day, but, none of us came home millionaires.

Our next function was on the 18th October, Soup & Sandwich lunch followed by a demonstration of cosmetics and jewellery. After lunch none of the men were interested in the demonstration so they went off and had a game of snooker.

Now that Christmas is only months away, and it's always a busy time for everyone, we are having our Christmas party on the 13th Decem-

ber. It's members only, but there is still time for you to become a member and come to our party.

This year has been a bad year for sickness for some members, so we send our best wishes to them all and hope to see them back soon.

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Fools rushing in, damsels in distress, sailors' wench Agnes Fenn, an

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Rob McCubbin bases his stories on old family tales of his ancestors. He admits to 'gilding the lily' somewhat in the writing of them. 'But, remember, they are novels after all'.

Well known author Margaret Clark says; '...narrative as sharp as a sword's edge. A must read for those who love ripping good yarn'.

McCubbin's gripping novels 'SON of the STORM' and 'WRITTEN in SAND' are on the shelves now for \$29.95 each, at Griffith and Dymocks Bookstores.

Rob can be contacted on 52511775 or at talespinner@pipeline.com.au.

FROM THE GARDEN GATE. FOR NOVEMBER

Let me recommend bulbs in pots. Last Autumn and early Winter I planted lots of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and muscari into pots and have been enjoying them this Spring. They were left in a far -off corner of the garden for several months. I brought them around onto the verandah when flowering , so I could enjoy their scent and colour.

Some pots have been given away, too. Bulbs in the garden are really my favourites. Out in the open garden they require little care . Don't have to be watered in Summer. Nothing eats them and they don't need spraying. The planted areas (under fruit trees) can be mown after the leaves have dried. Flowers can be picked for vases in the house or for bunches to give away to friends.

COMING EVENTS

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Clifton Springs Harbour Upgrade

As many of you will know, earlier this month Treasurer John Brumby visited Clifton Springs to formally announce the State Government's \$200,000 funding commitment to the upgrade of the Harbour. I was pleased to be there along with Clifton Springs residents and Council representatives who have all worked hard to see this project come to fruition.

The upgrade will include a breakwater, and an 80 metre long beach and recreational area including walking tracks and improved storm water management facilities.

The new breakwater will prevent a build up of sand in the harbour, which currently needs dredging 4 times a year, at significant cost to COGG. It will also include a storm water filtration system that will help reduce sediment and litter, which will protect the aquaculture farms, located about a kilometre offshore. The breakwater will also help reduce the incidence of sand bars which are dangerous and damaging to boats using the Harbour.

The upgrade is a very exciting development that will see the foreshore become a real focal point for the local community, and a drawcard for visitors to the Bellarine Peninsula. Congratulations to all those involved in getting this great project off the ground.

Clifton Springs Neighbourhood Watch 10th Anniversary

It was great to be invited to join with so many of you to celebrate this important occasion. The local community has benefited significantly from the efforts of all those working on Neighbourhood Watch and I was pleased to be able to acknowledge this formally in the Parliament.

It is great to let other MPs and the public know about the valuable contribution being made by local volunteers, and to have that recorded in the Hansard for posterity.

Congratulations again to Bob Stevenson and the Committee, and all those who have been involved with the Clifton Springs Neighbourhood Watch over the past 10 years. You've made a great contribution to your community.

Bellarine Railway 125th Anniversary Celebrations

It was a great honour to be invited to be part of the official celebrations for the 125th Anniversary of the Bellarine Railway. There were activities held throughout the weekend and on Sunday 12th September I was delighted to be amongst the crowd welcomed by the Station Master, Paul Kenny, before boarding the train for the trip to Queenscliff and the official marking of the anniversary. Ben Elliot, President of the Geelong Steam Preservation Society, and I then unveiled the commemorative plaque.

The volunteers had done an enormous amount of work in the months leading up to the event, as well as over the weekend of celebrations. The success of the weekend reflected their commitment and sheer hard work. Congratulations to all those involved, particularly Paul and Kathleen Kenny.

Caravan Park Reference Group

As you know, the whole issue of caravan parks is a significant one for the Bellarine Peninsula and I am really pleased to be chairing the Government's recently established Caravan Park Reference Group.

The Reference Group will examine access to and preservation of coastal Crown land caravan parks. The findings will be reported to the Coastal Spaces project, recently announced by the Minister for Planning, which aims to help local councils manage development pressures in and between coastal towns.

The Reference Group will also guide the Department of Sustainability and Environment in developing guidelines on the management of coastal caravan parks on public land.

We plan to talk to local councils, caravan park managers, tourism operators and the public to gain a full appreciation of the issues surrounding caravan site availability and costs. I look forward to keeping you up to date on the Group's work.

Parks Victoria Volunteer Group Grants

As you know, I'm always delighted to be able to report on successful local grant applications and this past month four grants were awarded on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The Friends of Edwards Point State Faunal Reserve were one of the successful groups who received a grant of \$7,800 for their project to enhance the habitat for the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot. Congratulations to their President, Will Johnson, Committee Member Jan Gillett, and all the volunteers involved.

I look forward to visiting the Reserve over the summer months to see how the project is progressing, and hopefully spotting some of the Parrots.

Bellarine Agricultural Show

Another positive State Government funding announcement this month is the allocation of \$9,426 to the Bellarine Agricultural Society. The money will be used to build a shed for shearing competitions and fleece displays.

I am honoured to have been invited to open the Show in March next year and it will be great to visit the new shed and hopefully see some competitive shearing.

The Show is such a terrific opportunity to see and appreciate our local produce and livestock, and to enjoy a really good day out. Thanks to the hard work of all those who have been involved, it has become a significant annual event on the community's calendar and I look forward to being part of it again in 2005.

As always, I encourage you to contact my office if you have any issues we may be able to assist you with.

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The Bellarine Jongleurs Theatre Company based at the Potato Shed Drysdale, has had a great year so far with their very successful production Annie Jnr. This production combined both the B.J's which is the group aged 5 to 11 years and the Jongleurs, which are aged 12 to 17 years. The production was completely produced and directed by young people under 21 years of age. The Jesters, the adult group, also had a very successful production titled Murder On The Orient Express.

VARIETY NIGHT

The next event on our calendar is the Variety Night titled Allsorts which will bring all the groups together. Allsorts will be performed on Thursday the 18th of November and will be repeated on Friday the 19th of November at the Potato Shed in Drysdale.

Each evening commences at 7.00 p.m. and as there will only be

150 seat sold for each evening, patrons are asked to get in quickly and book your seat. All seating will be allocated for both shows. Tickets are only \$6 per head and can be purchased from the Potato Shed on PH: 52 511998.

This is a fundraising evening for the Bellarine Jongleurs so please come along and support the stars of the future.

2005 PRODUCTION

The first production for the Bellarine Jongleurs in 2005 will be Alice In Wonderland. The company is calling for production staff. Anyone who is interested in Directing, Musical Direction, Choreography or any other production role, can contact Lorraine Hall for more details on PH: 52 512893 or alternatively you can send in a letter of application detailing your experience to P.O. Box 251 Drysdale 3222. All produc-

tion roles are voluntary and therefore attract no monetary remuneration.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT 2004

The Drysdale and Clifton Springs Annual Carols By Candlelight will once again be organized by the Bellarine Jongleurs in the Drysdale Village Square at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

This is a family orientated evening that is designed to finish by 9.30 p.m. and to involve members of the local community. Anyone interested in being involved in this event please contact Lorraine Hall on PH: 52 512893. Rehearsals for this event will commence the week after the Variety Night. The rehearsals will be held at the Potato Shed on Thursday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. each week.

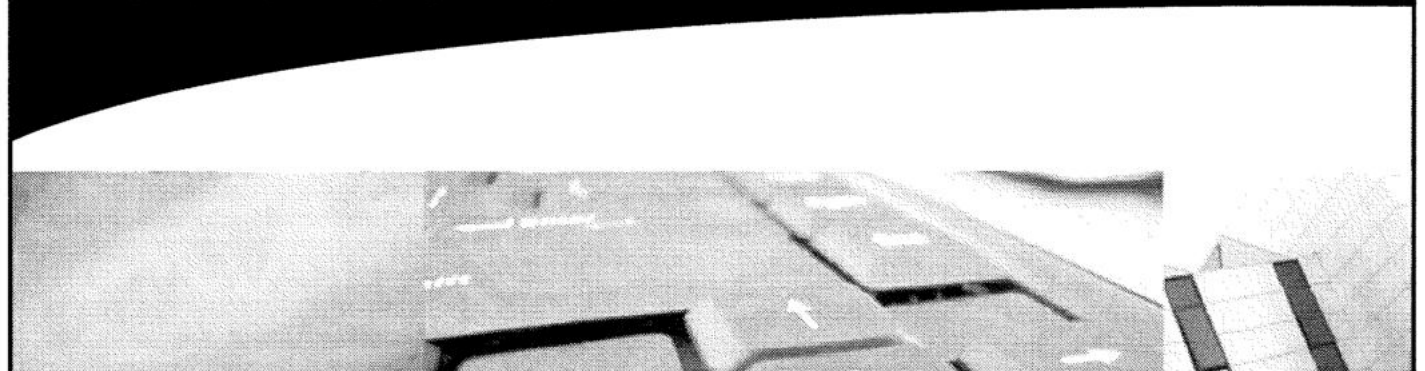
Trivia Question from p6 - Answers

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Clifton Springs Tennis Club Inc.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to our two premiership teams for the winter season in Saturday competition.

In the Seniors, our section 6 mixed team defeated Moolap 6 sets 47 games to 2 sets 31 games for victory in the Grand Final. Well played Jenni, Joy, Liz, Glenn, Jeremy and Steve.

In the Juniors, our section 20 girls team were undefeated for the season and played exceptional tennis to win the Grand Final, 6 sets 36 to 0 sets 7. Well done Alex, Amy, Georgia and Jeanette.

Other teams competing in the finals were the section 5 seniors, who played well all season but were defeated by Western Heights in the Grand Final. The section 5 junior girls team made it into the preliminary final but lost by 3 games to Lara in a very close match.

Summer Saturdays

The Tennis Geelong Association competition starts in fourth term and runs through to the finals in March. With new clubs coming to join this competition, there are now over 22 grades in Seniors and 33 grades in Juniors. This means good, even competition and a standard of tennis to suit all.

In Seniors we have 3 teams competing and in Juniors we have 12 teams. Welcome to 20 new junior players, have fun. Good luck everyone.

Because of the large number of junior teams we are also using the courts at Drysdale Recreation Re-

serve and Marcus Hill as well as the Jetty Rd courts. A busy season for Clifton Springs.

Hot Summer Nights

Congratulations to Shiraz, first season winners for Monday night tennis. Next term sees players moving into new teams and brewing up a storm with Cascade, Crown, Heineken, V.B. and Corona playing for the honour of the "Ale Tankard".

On Wednesday night Bloody Mary maintained a head start on Grasshopper. This term teams are exploring the boundaries of tennis with Burke, Eyre, Mawson, Scott and Wills seeking adventure.

Names are being taken now for a Thursday night competition and for emergencies for Monday and Wednesdays. Call Peter for information on 52513531.

Tuesday u/20's is rocking along so come on down at 6.30 if your are after some social fun.

An exciting new generation of Drysdale Cricketers

Drysdale will look to its younger brigade to take the next step as they aim to begin the season in similar fashion to last year's home and away blitz.

Young guns Liam Chisholm, Brendan Arnott, Greg Smith and Jason Malcolm will be looking to consolidate their positions in the opening 11 before the big guns return later in the season.

Troy Harding and Luke Maher are still recovering from a tiring football season while Brendan Sharp and Simon Farrell will be available later in the season.

Coach Darren Barmby said the club is in a good position to give some

young players the opportunity to prove themselves at the highest level in the BPCA.

"It's great for the club to be able to give these guys a go and we'll have some players coming back around Christmas, so I think we're giving ourselves a good chance," Barmby said.

Barmby believes the team is not the powerhouse it was last season, but is hopeful of a position in the top bracket before the finals.

"We're certainly not the powerhouse team that we have been, we'll be hoping to have a full side by Christmas and hopefully we can make a

charge at what we didn't finish off last season," he said.

Drysdale began the season with a 'satisfying' win over Collendina in the first round of the competition and are looking forward to continuing their climb up the ladder along with reigning premier St Leonards.

"To win alongside these younger guys, it's probably even more satisfying. It's a different feeling this year. We've got guys coming up like Jason Malcolm who's full of confidence and it's a real change. I think we have good future of players coming through," he said.



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SPORTS REPORT

By Brent Diamond

Ammos take aim for GFL Promotion

BFL Premiers Geelong Amateur will continue to push for entry into the Geelong Football League next season. The Ammos are desperate to establish a home in Geelong's premier league and it is currently being considered by the Football Geelong commission.

President Bruce Harwood said the club remains hopeful of being a part of the GFL in 2005 despite their initial application being knocked back on the basis that it didn't meet two of the league's compulsory criteria.

He said the latest submission to Football Geelong's new chief executive, Steven O'Dowd, would argue the club's overall strength and suitability for the GFL.

Harwood said a main thrust of the submission was the Ammos' ability to produce top-line juniors - juniors Harwood said were constantly picked off by rival GFL clubs.

It is believed several Ammo stars could be on the verge of re-signing with the club if they are granted GFL selection.

It is also understood several AFL clubs including Geelong and the Western Bulldogs are already eyeing off gun Ammo forward Tim McLean

VFL side Tasmania is also interested in the 23-year-old interleague player -

after snaring Ocean Grove forward Mathew Jovanovic at the end of last season.

McLean is almost certain to move on next season despite Geelong Amateur's chances of being in the GFL.

If Geelong Amateur does make the grade, it will mean Leopold - the GFL's wooden spooners - will be demoted to the BFL in their place.

Geelong Amateur won the 2004 BFL grand final against Ocean Grove last month by 46 points - after losing just one of 41 games over two years.

Mark Trevaskis was awarded best on ground after an impressive four quarter display in the midfield.

McLean booted four goals and Nick Casboul was lively around the goals with three. Adam Wiseman and Haami Williams were solid in defence and made it difficult for the Grubbers to get back into the game after an inspirational 7.2 to 0.0 start to the game.

The Ocean Grove loss marked the end of an era with the retirement of club legend Mathew Payne. In their 12th consecutive Grand Final appearance, the Grubbers ended their comparable quest for a fifth straight flag and perhaps more importantly their stranglehold on the competition.

In other grades, Geelong Amateur clinched a remarkable one point victory over Ocean Grove to win their first reserves premiership since 1985, while the Torquay Tigers were inspired to a 22-point win against Ocean Grove in the Under 18 grand final.

Meanwhile, in other BFL news, Modewarre young gun Nathan Ablett is still undecided about whether he will nominate for the National AFL Draft next month as Geelong desperately attempt to sway the 18-year-old to the Cattery.

However, it is believed Ablett is keen on following his uncle's path to Hawthorn, former Hawthorn player Geoff Ablett who is currently the Regional development manager at the Hawks.

Hawthorn has seven selections in the draft including three picks in the top ten and Recruiting manager Gary Buckenara said the Hawks will look at Ablett if he decides to nominate.

"We still don't know if he has the desire to play top AFL football and he definitely has to have that if he was going to nominate. But we already know that he is a great talent and we would definitely interview him and we would be in a good position if he was to nominate," Buckenara said.

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SPORTS REPORT

By Brent Diamond

Finals preparation must be looked at, says Stratton

Drysdale President Laurelle Stratton believes Drysdale's finals preparation needs to be re-assessed after a thrilling one goal loss to Ocean Grove in the A-grade BFL netball grand final last month.

The Hawks finished on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season and were favourites to topple Ocean Grove in their first A-grade grand final for six years.

"To be honest, I think our finals preparation needs to be looked at. I don't think we went out there and thought we were going to win it - I think we knew it was going to be tough, but it's definitely something we must focus more on next season," Stratton said.

The Grubbers capitalised on Drysdale's missed opportunities in their opening term with four quick goals to break out to a handy lead.

Maddy Davis found space in attack and helped Ocean Grove retain their lead in the second quarter.

Drysdale's Sarah Stratton was the Hawks' best at wing defence, and along with Michelle Davis, helped spark a Drysdale resurgence before half-time.

Drysdale star Honni Bergman went down in the third quarter with a match-defining injury that gave Ocean Grove the chance to re-group.

Kate Shepherd stretched the Grubbers' lead out to five goals and Anna Lynch continued her resilient work in defence to keep the Hawks at bay at the final change.

Despite trailing by an almost unassailable lead at the last change, a Drysdale goal frenzy in the final minutes of the match re-ignited the crowd.

But the challenge was a few minutes too late as the Grubbers held on to win 39-38 and break-through to be the BFL Premiers after finishing runners-up last season.

Stratton said it was a disappointing end to a season that promised so much, but is adamant the Hawks can take an extra step next season.

"They were runners-up last year, so given that fact - they probably deserved to win it, we came from fourth last year so we climbed the table and we did end up top two which was what we aimed to do," Stratton said.

"I don't think we had the goods on the day, we did two breaks at centre passes which are really unforgivable at that level because it ends up in four goals the other way and we probably had eight steps and we missed a lot of goals."

"There's a bright future here and we'll be looking at everyone contributing a little bit more to be able to take the ultimate," she said.

Meanwhile, Drysdale's Jackie Frew was named the league's best and fairest after being one of the most consistent players during the season.

Drysdale veteran wins Lee Ash Medal

Drysdale midfielder Simon Nelis was awarded the 2004 Lee Ash Medal for the best and fairest player in the BFL.

Nelis finished with 24-votes to win by two over Newcomb's David Holzfiend and Barwon Head's Shane Ash on 18 in third.

The Hawk veteran finished the count with two best on grounds including the final match against Barwon Heads when he played the majority of the match with a broken hand.

Nelis, a former AFL reserves umpire, said he was surprised when his name was announced as the best and fairest player in the BFL.

"I'm humbled to receive it...it's something that I didn't expect, I didn't think I'd even get in the votes but it's a pretty big honour," Nelis said.

A move from a half-forward flanker to the midfield paid dividends and eventuated in Nelis playing the best football of his BFL career.

"In the last couple of years I was feeling a bit stale about my role in the team and I started having doubts about whether I would play this season - and I said to (coach) Brian Cordy that I just really want to have a go on the ball... and it probably gave me a bit more freedom in terms of what I could do in the end," he said.

Ruckman Luke Maher, winner of the 2004 SpringDale Messenger MVP, finished with 12 votes while Justin Higgins finished with 10.

Nelis said he went through a range of emotions after he was presented with the award.

It was just more than 24-hours since the team were knocked out of the finals in straight sets for the second successive season.

"It was a funny feeling because it was just 24-hours after being knocked out of the finals and having to hang up the boots for the season was ob-

viously disappointing...but it's great to win an award like this," he said.

Drysdale coach Brian Cordy paid tribute to the hard-working Hawk.

"Simon's been sensational this year and it's a well-deserved award for him. He works hard and has been terrific in the midfield this year," Cordy said.

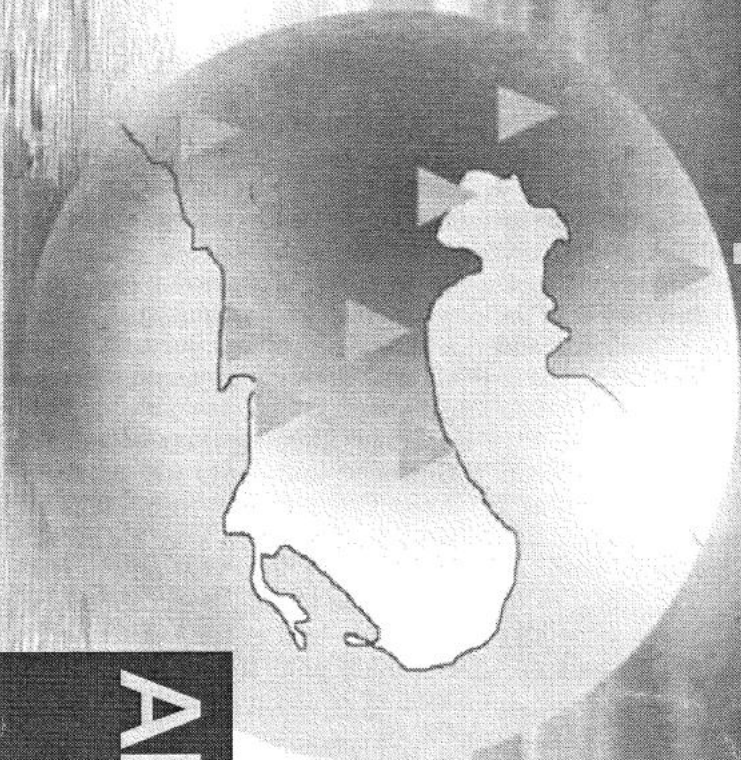
The 30-year-old is now rejuvenated with a burning desire for success and believes a Drysdale premiership could be just around the corner.

"I'll be definitely playing next season...I feel terrific and I think I would have probably another three seasons left in me. The team is really young and they're still learning but there's a lot of talent down there and I would be really surprised if we don't get anywhere in the next couple of years," he said.

Drysdale's Gavin Humphrey finished runners-up in the reserves award behind Torquay veteran George Arnold.

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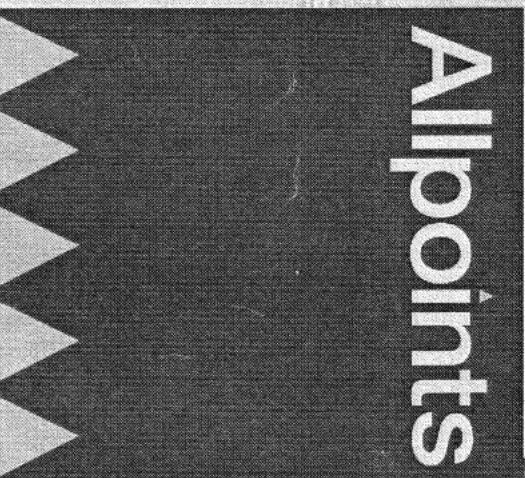


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